



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting: 5:30 pm, May 18th, 2026
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on May 18th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Linda Cross
- Jennifer Cummins
- Linda Smith
- Larry Blanton
- Casey Kaiser (came in after roll call)

STAFF ATTENDING

Casey Daly, Manager

GUESTS: Angela Ostrander, Susie Hermerick

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Cross motions to approve the minutes from April 20th, 2026, regular Fair Board meeting, Cummins seconds the motion, the motion carries.

Board Member	"Yes" Vote	"No" Vote	Abstains
Jennifer Cummins	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Smith	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Larry Blanton	X		

- **Public Comment: none**
 - **Pavilion Tent Panel discussion:** Daly states that the proposal sent to Bi-Mart for the sponsorship of replacing the Pavilion Tent panels before fair, Bi-Mart has not responded. In the fair board member binder was the proposal, including the pricing per panel and wanted to add it as a discussion item. To replace everything \$27,149.00, all eight panels and two panels over the stage. Blanton discussed using the remaining budget after our remodels of restrooms to use the capitol improvement fund to replace the panels before fair. Cross agrees with replacing the panels before Fair and using the remaining budget to do so.
 - Blanton motions to replace all the panels on the pavilion tent and to use the budget in the Capitol Fund, Cross seconds the motion; the motion carries.

June 12, 2026

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Jennifer Cummins	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Linda Smith	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		

- **Funding Info Committee Update:** Daly states that the committee met the week before, there is a difference in how the money would like to be spent. The committee is waiting to have a conference call with Oregon Racing Commission.
- **Fairgrounds Bathroom Project Updates:** Daly states that both the Indoor and Outdoor phase of the bathrooms of the Indoor Arena are complete, the last part is the ballards that will be in front of the outside doors and some fixtures that are waiting to get here.

REPORTS:

- **Board Member Reports:**
 - **Casey Kaiser:** none
 - **Larry Blanton:** none
 - **Gail Merritt:** none
- **Linda Cross:** Cross has been in contact with Carol, who will assist with volunteers for one last year. They are getting ready to call volunteers for Fair.
- **Jennifer Cummins:** Cummins states that at the HS Career Fair some volunteers were gathered for fair. Cummins has been working with The Round-Up to create ads for the paper for fair and info about fair.
- **Linda Smith:** Smith spoke with the band of brothers, and it was asked to make a flyer for them to be able to hand out. Cross is working on sponsorships and still reaching out to businesses.
- **Administrative Assistant Report (Parker Gales):** none
- **Financial Report (Daly):** In the board members’ binding section under financials.
- **Manager’s Report (Daly):** Daly talks about the remodel of the restrooms for the indoor arena and how they are almost finished. Daly states that the CRR had some volunteers come out and do some painting in the grandstands. Daly was given the bill for fair security; they will require two personnel to be on the facility. The bill went from \$8000, to \$10,00 to include the second personnel. Daly has chosen to go with a new company for bathroom cleanings and trash, as last year’s company had a big rise in price. Daly states that the fairgrounds had 4 non-revenue generating events, including 4H horse group, Boots and Roots and a small animal show for 4H.
- Blanton motions to adjourn the meeting, Kaiser seconds; the motion carries.

Board Member	“Yes” Vote	“No” Vote	Abstains
Jennifer Cummins	X		
Gail Merritt	X		
Linda Cross	X		
Linda Smith	X		
Larry Blanton	X		
Casey Kaiser	X		

ACTION ITEM(S):

- a. The Board voted to approve April 20th, 2026, Fair Board Meeting minutes.
- b. The Board voted to approve replacing all the panels of the outside pavilion tent.
- c. The Board voted to approve adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next regular meeting: Monday, June 15th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Parker Gales

06/12/26